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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AUSTRALIA.

#### SYDNEY—Examination of rats for plague infection.

The following information was taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

During the four weeks ended March 25, there were destroyed 5,655 rats, of which 1,726 were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

### BARBADOS.

#### Yellow fever.

The American consul reported May 8 the occurrence of a case of yellow fever.

### CHINA.

#### AMOY—Cholera.

In a telegram received May 9 the American consul reports the presence of cholera.

#### SHANGHAI—Fumigation of lighters for the destruction of rats.<sup>1</sup>

Acting Asst. Surg. S. A. Ransom at Shanghai, China, has arranged for the use at that port of a form of boat note, a copy of which is shown on page 700, which provides for the fumigation, for the destruction of rats, of lighters used in transferring cargo from the wharves to vessels lying at anchor.

This measure, which is intended to prevent the ingress of rats from lighters to vessels, is in accordance with the movement for the destruction of rats on vessels, which is being steadily developed by the bureau. (See Annual Report for the fiscal year 1910, p. 80.)

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<sup>1</sup>See Public Health Reports, Apr. 28, 1911, p. 615.

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## BOAT NOTE.

No..... SHANGHAI.....190

To the COMMANDING OFFICER,  
of the .....

SIR: Please receive on board for New York in good order and condition, the undermentioned packages of merchandise from Messrs.....

Marks and numbers.	Packages.	Description.

*Packages in bad order to be returned in same boat.*

Your obedient servants.

.....  
..... Agents.

Please notify Mr. W., sworn measurer. Particulars of shipment must be fully entered herein and shipping order presented to Dr. Ransom for his signature. This shipping order must then be returned to us for our signature, together with Dr. Ransom's certificate.

D. & Co., *Ld. agents.*

NOTICE.—Cargo will be accepted on board the steamer only provided same is shipped in registered lighters that have previously been fumigated in accordance with the instructions issued by the United States medical health officer.

No..... SHANGHAI.....190

*For New York.*

Received on board the ..... in good order and condition, the undermentioned packages of merchandise from Messrs.

Marks and numbers.	Packages.	Description.

Total number of packages received .....

Commanding Officer.

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